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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02100.0082.00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Timothy M. JOHNS et al.	)	
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Application Serial No.: 10/781,629	)	Group Art Unit: 3611
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Filed: February 20, 2004	)	Examiner: Yeagley, Daniel S.
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For: LIFTING SYSTEMS AN	)	Confirmation No.: 4131
METHODS FOR USE WITH A	)	
HITCH MECHANISM	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2005, the period for response having been extended to April 11, 2006, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend this application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 23 of this paper.